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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of September 17, 2007, which set a one-month shortened statutory period for response expiring on October 17, 2007, Applicants hereby elect Species A, directed towards a temperature control via flux reduction section. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-9 are readable on Species A.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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